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In re application of: Guangwei Wu, Steve Kirtley, Thomas West

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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

May 15, 2009

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11/17/2008, provided are:

10 Pages Response to First Office Action containing Remarks.

The Office Action dated 11/17/2008 indicates claims 1-20 are pending, of which claims 1-4 and 20 are withdrawn and claims 5-19 are rejected. The following remarks and/or amendments are presented so as to provide justification for withdrawing the rejections listed in the Office Action. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested in light of the remarks.

In the event that the present application is not in condition for allowance for any reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at (707) 523-7530 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

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